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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, Office of Science Policy, Office of Biotechnology Activities; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB).

**Name of Committee:** National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity

**Date:** May 5, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. Eastern.

**Agenda:** Presentations and discussions regarding: (1) NSABB's proposed framework for guiding risk and benefit assessments of gain-of-function (GOF) studies involving pathogens with pandemic potential; (2) overview of conducting the risk and benefit assessments; (3) planning for future NSABB deliberations on the GOF issue; and (4) other business of the Board.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health  
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Under authority 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB) to provide advice regarding federal oversight of dual use research, defined as legitimate biological research that generates information and technologies that could be misused to pose a biological threat to public health and/or national security.

The meeting will be open to the public and will also be webcast as space will be limited. Persons planning to attend or view via the webcast may pre-register online using the link provided below or by calling Palladian Partners, Inc. (Contact: Monica Barnette at 301-650-8660). Online and telephone registration will close at 12:00 p.m. Eastern on May 4, 2015. After that time, attendees may register onsite on the day of the meeting. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should indicate these requirements upon registration.

*Please Note:* The meeting agenda, proposed draft framework, and links to the online registration and webcast will be available at: <http://osp.od.nih.gov/office-biotechnology-activities/biosecurity/nsabb/nsabb-meetings-and-conferences>. Please check this website for updates.

*Public Comments:* Time will be allotted on the agenda for oral public comment, with individual presentations time-limited to facilitate broad input from multiple speakers. Any member of the public interested in presenting comments relevant to the mission of the NSABB should indicate so upon registration. Sign-ups for oral comments will be restricted to one per person or organization representative per comment period. In the event that time does not allow for all attendees interested in presenting oral comments to do so at the meeting, any interested person may file written comments with the Board via an email sent to [nsabb@od.nih.gov](mailto:nsabb@od.nih.gov) or by regular mail sent to the Contact Person listed on this notice. In addition, any interested person may submit written comments to the NSABB at any time via either of these methods. Comments received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on April 28, 2015 will be relayed to the Board prior to the NSABB meeting. Written statements should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the professional affiliation of the interested person. Any written comments received after the deadline will be provided to the Board either before or after the meeting, depending on the volume of comments received and the time required to process them in accordance with privacy regulations and other applicable Federal policies.

*Please Note:* In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxis, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Dated: April 2, 2015.

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